

IN RECOGNITION OF "CAMP UNITY" DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VOLUNTEERS AT PENTAGON CRASH SITE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2001

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to the efforts of "Camp Unity," the group of business people and other residents from the District of Columbia, who provided on-site support for relief and rescue workers at the Pentagon crash site following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Led by Advisory Board Commission 8D Chair, Robin Denise James, the volunteers of Camp Unity offered a variety of services, including meals, chiropractic therapy, and haircuts to hundreds of workers who came from all over the country to assist in rescue and recovery efforts at the Pentagon.

Through September 28th, Camp Unity maintained a tent at what came to be known as "Comfort City," a collection of tents organized to aid emergency medical staff, federal law enforcement officials, police and fire officials, Red Cross volunteers, and countless others assigned to the crash site. Indeed, the District residents at Camp Unity extended great comfort to these workers, many of whom were separated from their families for many days. The services of Camp Unity volunteers proved so essential that they were officially deemed part of the D.C. Fire and Rescue team for the two weeks they spent at the Pentagon.

Mr. Speaker, the District of Columbia takes particular pride in the work of the volunteers of Camp Unity. I ask the House also to join me in recognizing the charitable and patriotic response of these District residents to the tragedy of September 11th.

IN HONOR OF THE LATE BISHOP
WILLIE B. McNEIL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a very special man of God who has recently left us, Bishop Willie B. McNeil.

After a rich and full life serving his community, his church, and his God, Bishop Willie B. McNeil passed away on December 11, 2001. He was born September 10, 1919, the second of nine children to the late John and Mary McNeil in Pritchard, Alabama. He completed his early education at the St. James Catholic School. His formal education came from the "Knee College", where he graduated from "the old man to the new man". In 1944, he met and began a courtship with Dora James. On February 18, 1945 they were married and had seven children.

Bishop McNeil was saved and received the gift of the Holy Ghost at the Old Holiness Church in Pritchard, Alabama. He later moved to New York and God found favor with him and called him to the ministry of the Apostolic

Faith. He became Assistant Pastor of the Old Truth Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, in Brooklyn, NY, where the late Elder D. Freeman was Pastor.

In 1963, Bishop McNeil established his own church, The House of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith. He later changed the name of that church to Holy Cross Remnant Church of Jesus of the Apostolic Faith.

For 54 years, Bishop W.B. McNeil has been and continues to be a source of wisdom and inspiration. Through his teaching and preaching about God, Bishop McNeil inspired Pastor Clarence Keaton, who loved him like a father; the Bishop became the grandfather of the True Worship Church Worldwide Ministries.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Mother Dora McNeil, and his seven children, Catherine McNeil, Frances McNeil, Willie McNeil, Jr., Anthony McNeil, Michael McNeil, Crystal McNeil, Stephen McNeil and his spiritual son, Rev. Dr. Clarence Keaton. Preceding him in death were two brothers, the late Rufus McNeil, the late Melvin McNeil, and two sisters, the late Mable Peterson and the late Catherine Richardson. He is also mourned by one of his brothers, John McNeil, and two sisters, Dorothy Pease and Mattie Reed as well as a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and his church family, and all the members of the Holy Cross Remnant Church of Jesus of the Apostolic Faith.

The late Bishop McNeil is one of the greatest servants that God has placed on this earth and will truly be missed. As such his family is more than worthy of receiving this recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of this truly remarkable man of God.

KAZAKHSTAN'S DICTATOR
UNDERMINES U.S. INTERESTS

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROHRBACHER Mr. Speaker, I understand that the corrupt and repressive dictator of oil-rich Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, plans to visit Washington soon. He is looking for a White House Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval and a consequent dampening of the Administration's criticism of the Nazarbayev regime's deplorable human rights record. He thinks that his vague offers of assistance in the war against terrorism will tilt U.S. policy concerning such repression and corruption as is found in Kazakhstan. That would be a tragic mistake. We cannot permit the war against terrorism to be manipulated into an affirmation of the status quo in countries that are ruled by tyrants. In the long run, that would pit the United States against those struggling for honest and democratic government, which would lose whatever goodwill our country has in this world.

Nazarbayev, as with his fellow dictators in other former Soviet republics of Central Asia, assumed the title of president through sham elections. He is so repressive and corrupt that his regime will eventually collapse of its own

weight. Islamic extremists—already active in the area—as well as China, will be scrambling to pick up the pieces when these gangster regimes fall apart. But we need not let that dismal scenario come to be. Now is the time to press Nazarbayev, as well as other Central Asian strongmen, to hold early free and fair elections monitored by international observers. If he needs to save face, Nazarbayev could simply confirm the many rumors that he plans to step down and retire to one of the countries where he stashed his ill-gotten financial gains.

Of course the Nazarbayev regime, like other human rights abusers, threaten more than their own people. Moscow's Centre TV on February 17, 2001, accused the Nazarbayev regime of illegally selling weapons, like advanced Russian-made S-300 air defense system and heavy tanks, to rogue regions. The United States has had many run-ins with the Nazarbayev regime over arms sales. Early last year, for example, Kazakhstan sold forty MIG fighters to North Korea. And on June 4, 1997, the Washington Times reported that the U.S. had protested plans by Kazakhstan to sell advanced air defense missiles to Iran. This pattern of weapons trafficking must stop. Clearly, this is a policy endorsed by Nazarbayev himself.

Finally, on September 14, 2001, the Swiss Federal Department of Justice made available to the U.S. Department of Justice the findings of a lengthy investigation of corruption involving President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan. These issues raised by this report needs to be addressed. What we have here is a regime condemned by leading human rights organizations, that has trafficked in arms with the dregs of the world, that has been ambiguous in its support of the war on terrorism, and is under investigation for corruption by both Swiss and U.S. law enforcement agencies.

Maybe our message to Mr. Nazarbayev is that it is time for him to go. At the very least, he should not be allowed to leave Washington thinking that the U.S. will acquiesce to the status quo in exchange for platitudes about joining us in the war against terrorism. Kazakhstan is a country rich in natural resources. Its people should be enjoying prosperity, peace and yes, freedom. Instead, the iron grip of despotism is strangling the democratic alternative, and with it the hopes of economic progress for the country as a whole.

Let us be on the side of the people of countries like Kazakhstan. Let us use our influence with those in power in such repressed societies to show them a graceful way of exiting power, rather than giving them, and their repressed populations, the mistaken notion that we are the friends of such corrupt and tyrannical regimes.

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HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the events of September 11, 2001 in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania have struck the